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Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Man Who Forgot

The Chief Butler

By Dr. Clarence E. Macartney
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"Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him."—Gen. 40:23.

The miserable ingrate! When the butler was a criminal in the jail, not knowing what a day would bring to him—liberty or bondage, life or death—he did not forget Joseph.

The chief butler and the chief baker had offended their lord, and Pharaoh had committed them to the dungeon. The captain of the guard gave them into the keeping of the young Hebrew captive, Joseph, who was in prison because of the hatred of a wicked woman whose advances he had scorned. Everybody down in Egypt seems to have had the habit of dreaming, from the king on his throne to the baker who made his bread. Both the chief butler and the chief baker dreamed during that first night in the prison, and their dreams left them filled

with sadness and apprehension. Joseph himself was an exile from his home, sold by his brothers into Egypt and now in prison charged with a crime he did not commit. One would think it was he who needed comfort. But he was kind-hearted, this Hebrew exile; and when he saw the two prisoners looking so sad in the morning, his heart went out to them in sympathy. His own problem made him only the more sympathetic with others in their troubles, instead of hardening and souring him and making him look with suspicion upon all mankind.

One of the best ways to cure your own sorrow is to take an interest in the sorrows of others. Joseph "sat where they sat," and therefore he was able to meet them on a common footing and give them what cheer he could. But Joseph, while not boasting that he could tell them what they wished to know, said that with the help of God he would interpret their dreams. "Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you."

First, the chief butler told his dream:

"In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; and in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes,

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Dr. Clarence E. Macartney



(EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE PREACHED AT MOODY MEMORIAL CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT, JULY 9, 1944. STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTED FOR THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."—1 John 3:4.

That is the Authorized Version, and of course that is true, but it is not all the truth. The American Standard Version, and several other translations make it clearer: "Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."

You see, sin is not necessarily simply the transgression of the law of God, for where there is no law, still, men sin. Sin is lawlessness. That is, sin is self-will; the will acting in independence of God.

Every little while our newspapers draw our attention to



Dr. H. A. Ironside

Public Enemy Number One

By the late Dr. H. A. Ironside

some outstanding enemy to our peace, our happiness, and the peace and happiness of the country and the human race, and they designate that one, "Public Enemy Number One." I suppose if we were to think of any one individual under that title, we would think of that infamous madman, Hitler, as the greatest menace the world has ever known for many centuries. [That was during World War II. Doubtless most now know Stalin was as great a menace as Hitler. Ed.] But I do not desire to discuss any person at this time. I want to speak of that which is behind every evil personality and which is responsible for all the wretchedness and all the misery and all the suffering that is in the world.

What Is the Greatest Enemy?

I know there are different theories as to this. Some have insisted that the greatest enemy to the race is ignorance or perhaps poverty. They have thought if all men could become cultured, if we could eliminate all our slums, if we could do away with all evil environment, if we could free men from poverty so that everybody would have a good living wage and be able to meet their needs without difficulty, that would make an end of the unrest and unhappiness and the wretchedness that is in the world. But the

greatest enemy of the human race is not ignorance, not evil environment, it is not even poverty. The greatest enemy is sin, because sin is the root cause, the source of all these other evils. If sin had never come into the world, mankind would never have suffered from the manifold ills that afflict the race at the present time.

Sin Is Lawlessness

Sin is lawlessness. Just what is meant by that? Well, lawlessness is living in independence of law. Now God in His Word has given us certain laws, and there are other divine laws revealed in nature. The sinner flaunts the law of God. The sinner says, "I am

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50 of the Finest

Here is a List of Fifty Books by Various Publishers, Plus a Few of Our Own, Which Should Be in the Home of Every Christian, if Possible

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Associate Editor

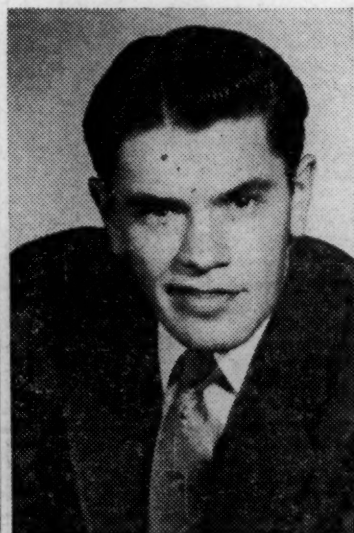
How immeasurable is the value of good books in the life of any individual! It was Henry Clay, famous American orator and statesman, who said, "A wise mother and good books enabled me to succeed in life. She was very poor, but never too poor to buy books for her children. It is a mean sort of poverty that starves the mind to feed the body."

No money is ill-spent when it is invested in sound literature. Every dollar that you spend for books, like money invested in good stock, continues to pay dividends for many, many years. Every successful man in life can point back to some book or books which tremendously moved and molded his character and desires.

In this article we want to recommend and describe fifty different books and titles by various publishers needed by every preacher, many of which should be in every home. In addition, we will mention a few of our own publi-

cations, altho originally we did not intend to mention our own books for fear the article would appear too much like a promotional scheme to sell Sword books. Such is not the case! But what list of the "best devotional books," for example, would be complete if it omitted Dr. Rice's popular best seller, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*? So in this article we will be primarily concerned with good books which we do not publish, but also a few which we do.

In selecting this list of fifty (Continued on page 4)



Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Editor's Notes

By John R. Rice

This is written Friday, February 17. Tomorrow, with Mrs. Rice and some helpers, I fly to Miami, Florida, for eight days of conference on revival and soul winning in Sylvania Heights Baptist Church. Other speakers on the program will be Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and Dr. Sam Morris. I will preside in the four services daily, will speak twice daily, God willing, and will carry on my writing and editorial work. But in the next twenty-four hours I must make four radio broadcasts, prepare some of the copy for another issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, decide certain editorial policies and duties here. I only mention this to show that I have a genuine burden for which I need your prayers. Will you every day hold me up to God and ask Him to give me the wisdom of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, and to raise up friends for this work? Please pray!

Whatever blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD, our books, broadcasts, revivals, and conferences have been, it has been only the mercy of God who saw fit to bless. Without His power we are nothing. I need wisdom to be against sin but to be for God's saints, whether we understand every detail alike or not.

We Always Look Forward to Letter Month!

March is Letter Month. We invite those who have been blessed by THE SWORD OF THE LORD to write and say so. That will encourage us. We invite those who are for the great principles for which we stand to tell us so and encourage our hearts. We have lots of knocks. Modernists do not like THE SWORD OF THE LORD. They write to accuse us of being (Continued on page 12)

"The Story of Jesus"

This Big Book of 96 Pages, Size 7 x 10, Colored Pictures, With the Life of Jesus in Comic Book Style, Using Principally the Reverent Language of the King James, Bible FREE! With Every Retail Order or Gift During March Letter Month! Hurry!

By the Editor

We want thousands of letters during Letter Month. We have already in hand 5,000 copies of this booklet to give to the first 5,000 people who write us a letter enclosing a cash retail order for books or subscriptions, or a free gift to the Sword Free Literature Fund, the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund, or to the Sword Building Fund. Your order may be for any amount, your gift for any amount. Every cash retail order or gift gets this beautiful 96-page colored picture story, *The Story of Jesus*. There are some 300 pictures. The story is carried along in comic book or cartoon style. Conversation is in balloons, the comment is usually in the reverent language of the King James Version of the Bible. It is reverent, true to the Bible, interesting, beautiful! I know you will want a copy for yourself or your loved ones. Parents will want a copy for their children, teachers will want a copy for their classes. The young people who read comic books by the millions in America (usually horrible and often criminal in ten-

dencies) will find here a fascinating Christian substitute for these foolish, and sometimes hurtful comic books.

See the Full Page Pictured Below

We picture page 2 of this book below. It will give you a little idea of the nature of the book. However, we cannot reproduce the colors on every page of the illustrated life of Jesus. You will have to imagine them. The pictures appear in exact size. Remember, there are 96 such pages going through the whole life of Jesus as it is recorded in the New Testament. It is true to the Bible, showing the virgin birth, the miracles, the bodily resurrection, the ascension. There is nothing modernistic, nothing worldly about this beautiful book.

It is printed on inexpensive newsprint paper inside, but the cover is on stiff, smooth paper, a

beautifully colored picture of Jesus.

You had better hurry and get your copy of *The Story of Jesus*!

New Book, Ten Sermons on the Crucifixion of Christ, "Watching Jesus Die" Now Ready

We suggest that everywhere for pre-Easter reading those who can should get the editor's new book, *Watching Jesus Die*. There are 246 pages and the beautiful library hard binding is in two colors. These are among the most moving and helpful sermons I have ever written. I have preached many of them in great campaigns over America. One may study all the great doctrines of the Bible in the Scriptures expounded in these ten chapters. The book will be ideal to lend to sinners. Every preacher who believes in the death of Christ for our sins will want a copy to prepare his heart for preaching about the crucifixion and preaching to sinners. Families ought to get the book and read it aloud in the pre-Easter season, if possible. The book may be ordered for \$2.50 enclosing 15c for postage and packing.

OR you may have this big book, *Watching Jesus Die*, 246 pages,

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Send in those subscriptions you have been wanting to send, or order those books you need now and so take advantage of this offer. We are anxious to get out this book while Christian people and even lost people everywhere are thinking about the death of Christ before they celebrate Easter. It is always proper to preach on the

crucifixion, and it is even better when people are thinking about it, whether you believe in celebrating Easter or not.

Send your order to the Sword of the Lord, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois. WRITE US A LETTER DURING LETTER MONTH! WE NEED YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT!

Some letters will be printed in *THE SWORD*. But they must be brief and of real helpfulness.

THE ANNUNCIATION

NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS TOOK PLACE IN THIS WAY. AN ANGEL WAS SENT FROM GOD UNTO A CITY OF GALILEE NAMED NAZARETH, TO A VIRGIN ESPOUSED TO A MAN WHOSE NAME WAS JOSEPH, AND THE VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY.



FEAR NOT, MARY, FOR THOU HAST FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD, AND BEHOLD, THOU SHALT BRING FORTH A SON AND SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS.



MARY WENT TO THE HOUSE OF ELIZABETH, HER COUSIN.

BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN.

MY SOUL DOETH MAGNIFY THE LORD, AND MY SPIRIT HATH REJOICED IN GOD MY SAVIOUR. FOR HE HATH REGARDED THE LOW ESTATE OF HIS HANDMAIDEN, FOR BEHOLD, FROM HENCEFORTH ALL GENERATIONS SHALL CALL ME BLESSED.



AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED UNTO JOSEPH IN A DREAM.



New Hindi Edition of

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

उद्धार पाने के लिये मैं क्या करूँ?



A letter has just been received from Rev. John L. Teibe, director of Bombay and Western India Youth for Christ, which reads as follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I am enclosing two copies of the recently printed tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in Hindi.

"I trust the new cover on the front will be acceptable. I got the idea from *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* which once illustrated a similar picture used on the Dutch edition of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'

"We continue to receive replies to the many tracts that have been distributed and which were made available through *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* FOUNDATION from Indians stating that they received Christ as their Saviour.

"There has been a tremendous demand for Hindi tracts and thus we are particularly thankful to God for this new edition of 100,000. Whenever the Lord supplies the remaining balance of \$403.80 we shall be grateful to receive the same to take care of our printing bill.

"Earnestly in Christ,"

(Signed) John L. Teibe

On October 20, 1955, we sent \$296.20 for the paper used for these 100,000 booklets. Now we must pay, as we promised Mr. Teibe we would pay, for the printing bill, which is \$403.80. This is past due, since the booklets have already been delivered. Note that he says that YFC continues to receive letters from Indians stating that they have received Christ through this booklet.

Do you want to help pay this printing bill? To help doubtless

Fifty Years in Jerusalem



Mr. & Mrs. G. Eric Matson, pictured above with their three children, David, Ann, and Margaret, have spent most of their lives in the holy city, forming an invaluable background for their present ministry through the Matson Photo Service.

Mr. Matson, who was born in Sweden, and Mrs. Matson, who hailed from Kansas, both went with their parents to Jerusalem when very small, settling in the nonsectarian religious community officially known as the American Colony of Jerusalem. After spending 50 years in this colony they were forced to come to America to avoid the effects of the Arab-Jewish war which divided that small country into separate states.

The Matsons have many rich experiences from their years of living in the holy land upon which to reflect.

The American Colony of Jerusalem, where the Matsons lived, had stores of Oriental goods and curios, including a Photographic Department which produced pictures of historic interest of all parts of Bible lands. Here in America the Matsons are producing thousands of 2"x2" color slides and photos of Bible land scenes which are finding a market in American churches and visual aid programs. They are located at 1282 South Highland Avenue, Los Angeles 19, California.

would mean you will have a part in helping to win many of these Indians to Christ. May God lay this burden heavy on your heart, if He wants you to send a gift, large or small. Address it to Free Literature Fund, Sword of the Lord, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois, earmarked for Hindi booklets.

More Letters We Love

This is letter month! We are so very eager and anxious to get your letter telling us of how you have been helped through THE SWORD OF THE LORD paper or through some of our many gospel books and booklets. Just as it made Jesus glad when one leper returned to thank Him and sad when the other nine did not, so we rejoice in every friend who writes us of blessings received and are made sorrowful by those who are helped but never let us know. Below are some more of the letters which have warmed our hearts in recent days.

From Centertown, Kentucky, a Methodist minister writes with enthusiasm to tell how he observed "Sword Sunday" in his church. After mentioning the number who had subscribed at the special rate he said:

"I feel sure that these persons will receive great blessings from THE SWORD and that we shall observe a difference in the spiritual atmosphere of our church.

"I wonder if you would mind doing me a favor? Please tell Dr. Rice that I happen to be one of those ministerial students and pastor of a small station church and that I want to say 'thank you' to him for my paid subscription to THE SWORD and for the free books which I recently received from the Sword of the Lord Foundation."

I know this word will rejoice the hearts of those of you who have helped with the free books for ministerial students, and you who have given money to our Ministers and Missionary Fund through which this good brother's subscription was made possible.

Another preacher, this time from Texas, writes to tell of the "Sword Sunday" in his church and to say that he will also work for a *Spurgeon's Sermons . . . Memorial Library*. Then he adds:

"I personally know of no other paper anywhere I feel so free to recommend unto our people. May our Lord continue to bless the paper and its staff."

(Signed) Rev. O. R. S.

Jasper, Texas.

Another good letter which will rejoice the hearts of the contributors to our Ministers and Missionary Fund, as well as all others, came from Argentina. This friend writes:

"Thanks very much for THE SWORD OF THE LORD that you have been so kind to send it. I am very glad to have it again. As I have never paid for I am enjoying it for so many years. God bless you. I am doing my best with it. After reading it through passing it to others who can't pay for. I am using some special portions speaking about in meetings to women or when I can have an occasion to speak to anyone. It is a blessing to me. I don't want to miss it. Thanks very much for your kindness. I always remember you and your great work in my prayers. God bless you and supply all your need."

(Signed) Makrouhi Khackadvenian
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Another letter just received came from a brother in Athens, Georgia, who has been saved less than two years. After telling of his plans for a "Sword Sunday" in his church (he is a deacon and Training Union director), he says:

"I am interested in seeing every member of our church subscribe to the finest paper that is published in the world today which puts Christ where He is supposed to be, and that is FIRST before anything else. It's our duty as Christians to witness to the lost souls who are dying everywhere and going to Hell and if I can help in any way GOD knows my heart and that I want to do what I can to help."

(Signed) Henry C. Keller

A Methodist minister in North Carolina, recently wrote us:

"Someone sent me a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I appreciate it very much. The spiritual food it contains is both inspiring and stimulating.

"As you may have assumed I am a strong fundamentalist as opposed to many modern theories that deny the truths of the Bible. I am sorry to say that the Methodist church as some other denominations is full of modernist preachers. And of course, is powerless because of unbelief and infidelity. I appreciate your article in the January 27th issue in answer to the modernist superintendent with reference to Bishop Oxnham. And I am in full accord with you on that."

(Signed) J. L.

With regard to the above mentioned article, we received a letter recently from another Methodist minister in Ohio saying:

"In the recent issue of THE SWORD I read the letters which passed between you and a certain Methodist District Superintendent. Perhaps you have been and will be commended on your answer, anyway, I feel it my duty to commend you. Yours was a good, sane, and biblical answer. I, too, am a long standing Methodist pastor of the John Wesley school, and so, just wanted to tell you how well you answered the D. S. You did it without any 'name calling,' but in a kindly, brotherly spirit, bringing out the 'truth and fundamental facts in every paragraph.'"

(Signed) E. W.

Some who read these lines will be interested in using the "Letter Month" occasion to send a generous contribution to the M & M Fund (Ministers and Missionary Fund) to help in sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to ministers who either can not subscribe for themselves or do not know about the paper and need an introductory subscription.

An Alabama pastor writes:

"I would like for your office to know that our people are receiving many spiritual benefits from THE SWORD OF THE LORD. To the best of my knowledge every active family in our church is receiving your paper. I trust that many other churches are following this practice . . ."

(Signed) John Hull

Alabama City, Alabama.

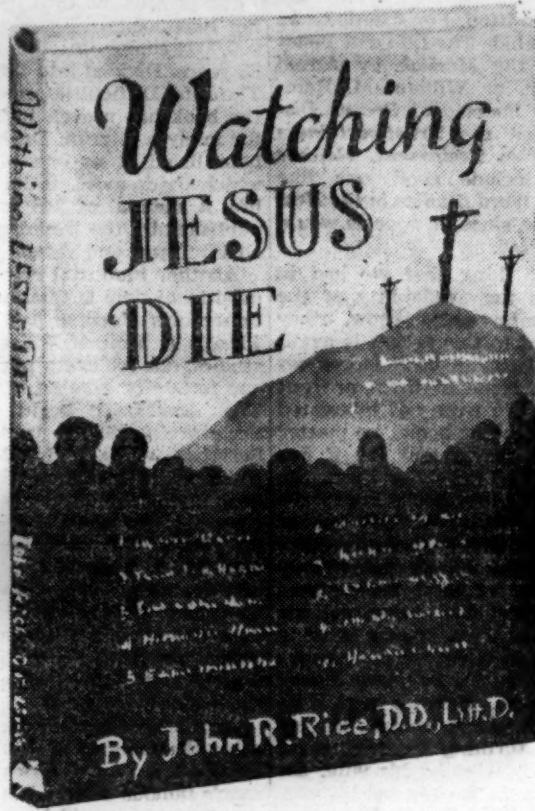
These letters have thrilled our hearts, but we are far from satisfied. We want every day's mail during the month of March to bring us a flood of happy letters praising God for the help and blessing received through the varied ministry of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. The majority of you who are reading these lines have long planned and intended to write some day expressing your appreciation. Yet the procrastination we deplore in others has prevented us from doing the thing that is right and proper, saying "thank you!" Don't put it off any longer, please. While the matter is still fresh on your heart and mind, sit down and write that letter. It need not be long, as a matter of fact we prefer that you be brief and to the point in describing how you have been helped. And as you write, why not subscribe to THE SWORD for others or renew for yourself, order those books that you've long wanted to get, or send a contribution to help us in the work of getting out the Gospel unto the most remote parts of the earth. God bless you.

"Watching Jesus Die!"

Big New Book by the Editor Now Available Just in Time for Lenten Season. Ten Sermons on Christ's Crucifixion!

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Associate Editor

Believe me, there has really been plenty of hustle and bustle around the editorial and production departments of the Sword of the Lord Foundation the past several weeks as secretaries, copy readers, artists, printers, et al, frantically rushed to get Dr. Rice's latest book, *Watching Jesus Die*, off the presses a month before Easter.



If the book turns out to be as popular and helpful to you as we predict that it will, all the sweat and toil put out on this end will seem as nothing.

The book is simply beautiful! Our art department has portrayed the crucifixion scene on the cover, using a skillful blend of purple and magenta ink on a white background. It is something you will have to see with your own eyes to really appreciate, but I am convinced that when you do see it you will want to order several copies for use as gifts.

It is a timely book! For one thing, it is timely because Holy week and Easter will be here in just a few weeks and the thinking of the multitudes, even the wicked and profane, will be directed to the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Son of God. But this book will be just as timely in July or November! The preaching of the cross is the center and the circumference of all true Bible exhortation and should be the theme of every day, not just for a limited season to supplement an occasion for buying new spring outfits.

Preachers will like this book! They will find excellent material for their grist mill in the form of outlines, illustrations, and seed thoughts. Every sermon is so stimulating to a preacher's imagination that whenever he sits down to read any one of them he need not worry about hitting a "dry hole." Plagiarism won't be necessary! He'll get ideas for a dozen sermons of his own out of every sermon he reads in this volume!

Soul winners will appreciate this book! They'll like it because it will move their own hearts with a deeper love for God and a more earnest compassion for sinners. They'll like it because it exalts Christ and His finished work on every page. But they'll especially be fond of it because it makes such an ideal gift to place into the hands of that lost loved one for whom they have been praying and with whom they have been dealing. Nearly every message has a decision form at the close, urging the sinner to immediately trust Jesus Christ.

As a matter of fact, I can think of hardly anyone who won't be thrilled with this volume unless it is the modernist who hates the blood and the provided, completely-paid-for salvation Jesus bought for poor sinners at Calvary. It certainly deals that crowd a deadly blow throughout and they'll

find embarrassment for themselves on nearly every page.

The opening sermon in the book is, "What Shall I Do Then With Jesus?" and the reader is brought face to face right at the start with the question he must answer right-ly or be forever damned. Next is the message, "Behold the Man," which so strongly moved and impressed Dr. Trumbull, late editor of *The Sunday School Times*.

Then comes the tender sermon from which the book is titled, "Watching Jesus Die." Readers will almost feel that they, too, are sitting at the foot of the cross along with the crowds who watched Him there. You will be able to spot yourself in one of the many representative groups described so vividly.

Next, in consecutive order, are the following searching sermons: "The Seamless Robe," "Father, Forgive Them . . .," "Come Down From the Cross," "The Criminal Who Wanted a Second Chance," "It Is Finished," "The Torn Veil," and "Facing the Pierced Jesus."

Each message is a challenging, convicting call to conversion and consecration.

How to Get Your Copy!

First, of course, you may buy a copy for \$2.50, plus 15c for postage and handling charges. This thick volume of 246 large pages is very reasonably priced to give it a wider circulation than books the same size selling for \$2.75, \$3.00, or \$3.25. You may purchase as many of them as you please, remembering that during "Letter Month" you can get one free by buying four others. *Watching Jesus Die* is truly a bargain at \$2.50.

However, during "Letter Month" we are giving this lovely volume free with every retail order of books totaling \$10, with every group of subscriptions totaling \$10 at regular rates, with every \$10 gift to the Sword of the Lord Foundation, or any combination of the three totaling \$10.

In addition, you would receive a free copy of *The Story of Jesus* which we are giving with every order of retail books, subscriptions or gifts, regardless of the amount. This lovely book of 96 pages is an illustrated story, in color, of the life of Christ. Young and old alike will delight in it.

Why not write your letter today and enclose the order, gift or subscriptions which you have been long intending to send? Especially am I anxious for you to have a copy of this lovely new book with ten of Dr. Rice's messages, some new and some old but all a blessed delight and comfort.

We want your letters! This is the one time during the year when we make an all-out effort to get you to write and express your appreciation for the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Surely you have been blessed and helped through the paper or our books and pamphlets. Then write and tell us! What a joy, what a comfort it will be to our hearts and an encouragement to press on in the fight for the faith as well! Address your letter to Dr. John R. Rice, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Write it today, please!

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You Corner

The Editor Answers
Young People's
Questions

When we get to Heaven, do you think the Negro and all mixtures will be together?

Certainly all born-again Christians will be in Heaven. Christ died for everybody the same. Everybody who trusts in Jesus Christ gets the same salvation. First Corinthians 12:12 and 13 says: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." That Scripture says that all Christians are members of the same body of Christ. The same Holy Spirit put us into that body "whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free." Every saved person, no matter what race, is a member of the body of Christ. Whether he was a slave or whether he was the master, all are members of the same body of Christ if they have been saved. We should thank God for this blessed truth. I am glad that godly colored people, born again, will be in Heaven.

Of course, I think that in Heaven we may see our loved ones and we may prefer to be with those we know rather than with those we do not know. But the longer we are there, of course, the more we will know and understand and love everybody who is saved. God makes no distinction between white and black in the matter of salvation; and I am sure there will be none in Heaven.

In this world, people are necessarily separated by races, by denominations, by lack of knowledge and understanding of each other. In Heaven all these difficulties will be overcome.

I do not believe that people of different races ought to intermarry, because there are serious problems that make it almost certain that such a marriage will not be happy and successful. But certainly all Christians ought to love all other Christians, whatever the race, and we ought to treat people of every race with love and kindness and understanding.

Does the Bible forbid Christians to live with unsaved relatives?

I believe the Scripture, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (II Cor. 6:14) etc., does not mean to forbid association with unbelievers. And a yoke and an association are not necessarily the same. Christians are not forbidden to live in the same home with unsaved relatives, for example. Christians are not even forbidden to buy from an unsaved merchant or to hire an unsaved worker. To join in a church which does not require salvation and so put one's self on a spiritual level with unsaved people is wrong. To marry and bind one's self for a lifetime with an unsaved companion, which will necessarily put one under the authority of a lost man or under obligation to make happy a lost woman, would be a yoke and would be wrong. To join a lodge and to bind one's self by oath to support an unsaved person in all his business and take his part and tell him one's secrets would be a yoke and so is forbidden. To enter into a business partnership with a lost person so that one must bind himself to consider the wishes of the other and to link the welfare of the one with the other and each be responsible for the other is a yoke, a bond, which is forbidden between a saved person and a lost person, in my judgment.

I do not see that this would apply in living with an unbelieving relative unless that was a bond, a yoking up, as there might be with a permanent contract, or

IN OTHER LANGUAGES

It is almost impossible to give our readers an accurate report on Sword literature, particularly Dr. Rice's booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in foreign countries because all the booklets are printed on the fields, and supervised by missionary committees. In some instances we have not furnished funds for printing and distribution, but granted permission for it to be done in various languages. However we did send all the money listed below. So though this report is not a complete one, we will give it to you as accurately as is humanly possible, so you may know what we are doing through the Sword Free Literature Fund. Missionaries have reported thousands of conversions as a result of reading these booklets.

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in India

We list the language, the amount of money we have supplied, then the missionary who acted as our agent.

Hindi, 100,000 copies, \$700.00, Rev. John L. Teibe, P. O. Box 6545, Bombay 26, India.

Malayalam, 60,000 copies (incomplete), \$700.00, Rev. Don Hillis, Chalisgaon, E. Khandesh, India. Mr. N. E. Easo, The Hope Book Club, Mavelikara, P. O. Tra-Cochin, S. India.

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Portugal, 600,000 copies, \$3,850.00, Rev. Magnus Foreid, Rev. S. D. Faircloth, Rev. C. Luke Boughter, Apartado 16, Beja, Portugal.

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Hausa, 15,000 copies, \$305.00, C. F. Beitzel, Malumfashi via Funtua, N. Nigeria.

Holland:

Dutch, 32,500 copies, \$155.00, (FLF paid for only 20,000) Mr. Albert Zijp, Heinezestraat 19, Amsterdam z, Holland.

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Tagalog, indefinite number, \$500.00, Rev. G. Benjamin Haglund, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, P. O. Box 1831, Manila, Philippines.

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Chinese, 295,000 copies, \$2,086.00, Mr. Wm. Garfield of The Evangelical Alliance Mission; Rev. C. R. Hillis of Formosa Gospel Crusade, P. O. Box 555, Taipei, Formosa.

Japan:

Japanese, 2,579,000 copies, \$18,779.72, Japanese (Braille) 5,000, \$350.00, Rev. Kenneth G. McVety, 346 Eifuku Cho, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

(Seven other of Dr. Rice's books have been translated and published in Japan, including HELL, HEAVEN, IS JESUS GOD? SOUL-WINNER'S FIRE, VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, COMING KINGDOM OF CHRIST, SEVEN SECRETS OF A HAPPY CHRISTIAN LIFE. Money supplied through a revolving fund which we helped to establish.)

Spain:

Spanish, Indefinite number, \$275.00, Spanish Christian Mission, Dr. Zacarias P. Carles, Director, 3 Hillsboro Ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.

Other Books We Paid For

Korea:

How to Obtain Fullness of Power, by R. A. Torrey
Korean, 3,000 copies, \$400.00, Robert F. Rice, Presbyterian Mission, Taegu, Korea.

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The Soul Winner's Fire, 3,500 copies, \$350.00, Rev. Joe Weatherly,

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In the case you mentioned, I think that you might have a clear understanding that you and your mother are Bible-believing Christians, that you, of course, will need to have your home open to Christians, that you will attend services, that you will support Christian work, that you will not be

hindered in such matters as thanks at the table, etc. At the same time, you ought to make it clear that others in the home who do not agree would be treated with loving consideration.

I do not believe that for relatives to live together, some of them unsaved, is necessarily wrong, unless the unsaved people dominate the situation.

Western India Youth for Christ, Colabra Road, Opp. P. O. Bombay 5, India.

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Australian:

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?", Mr. W. G. Oliver, Gospel Tract Crusade, 21 Barry St., South Yarra, Victoria, Australia.

Mexico:

Prayer—Asking and Receiving (Vol. I, II) Spanish.

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Another one of our devotional books on the prayer theme worthy of mention in any list of outstanding books is, *Getting Things From God*, by Dr. Charles Blanchard, second president of Wheaton College. Like Dr. Rice's book, this volume on prayer not only gives an abundance of Scriptures, but presents an amazing array of vibrant testimonials from personal experience proving that the teaching is practical and workable. This book has 24 chapters, 274 pages, and also sells for \$2.50.

Another one of Dr. Rice's writings, *The Home—Courtship, Marriage, and Children*, also ranks high in devotional profit. This is a Bible manual of 22 great chapters dealing with about every phase of maintaining a Christian home. A volume of nearly 400 pages, it was written by the author to fulfill a specific need among twentieth century Christian circles and retails for only \$2.50.

One of the finest books that the Sword Publishers has ever made available to the reading public is *The Sword Book of Treasures*. This volume contains gems of Christian literature from writers living and dead as they were published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It really is the cream of the articles which appeared in THE SWORD in over a decade of time. A big book of 21 chapters, 352 pages, it has a photograph and brief biographical sketch of nearly all the 18 different authors. Beautifully written, deeply moving, heart warming, it should take its place in history with some of the greatest classics of all times.

Sermon Books

First, let me list the famous, valuable, perennially helpful *Spurgeon's Sermons*... *Memorial Library*. This 20 volume set contains some of the greatest preaching that the Christian church has ever enjoyed. The depth, the understanding, the practical down-to-earth manner of "the great Charlie" has seldom been equaled or surpassed, if ever. What a delight to have a set like

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One of the greatest preachers the south ever produced was the man who pastored for many years at the First Baptist pulpit in Dallas, Texas. That man, Dr. George W. Truett, is at his best in the volume, *A Quest for Souls*. This book, unlike so many books of sermons, comprises all the messages this evangelist preached in a series of gospel meetings held in Fort Worth, Texas. In this book you can follow him through 24 messages as he begins preaching to Christians about prayer and preparation for revival to the closing messages showing the danger of delaying a decision for Christ. A Broadman Press publication, this amazing sermon book of nearly 400 pages actually sells for only \$1.50. In my mind, it is one of the best buys on the religious sermon book market today!

Another book of messages by a master pulpiteer of the past generation is *Revival Sermons*, by J. Wilbur Chapman. This volume contains 18 sermons by this famous Presbyterian which have their appeal to the heart. Each sermon has clear, logical, scriptural substantiation, plus illustrative emphasis. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, it has 237 pages and sells for \$1.75.

Dr. R. A. Torrey's book, *Revival Addresses*, also published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, is one which we must highly recommend. It has 17 sermons of real evangelistic emphasis. Every sermon by this greatly used scholar and evangelist is a masterpiece, so it is safe to say that this book of sermons is a book of masterpieces. The volume has 271 pages and is available for \$2.00.

A series of books was published a few years ago by the Fleming H. Revell Company entitled *Great Pulpit Masters*. The 8 volumes of this set contain sermons by some of the greatest preachers of bygone generations. There is one full volume of sermons by each of the following men: Dwight L. Moody, Charles H. Spurgeon, R. A. Torrey, Sam Jones, J. H. Jowett, F. B. Meyer, T. DeWitt Talmage and A. J. Gordon. These books belong on the shelves of every minister and every layman. They are tops in evangelical preaching. There is some exception to this, for example, Sam Jones' sermon on repentance, yet on the whole you will find them to be what the title of the set implies: great preaching by great masters. Each of these volumes sell for \$2.50, or you may have the entire set for \$18.00.

Possibly one of the most amazing evangelists of olden times, considering the limited areas in which he ministered, was Charles G. Finney. The Fleming H. Revell Company has published his original, full-unabridged revival lectures. Here are 22 sermons on the subject of revival that will not only show how revival can be produced, but will kindle revival in

the heart of the reader. The book has 445 pages and sells for only \$2.50. Its popularity and worth is proven by the fact that it has enjoyed over a score of editions.

In mentioning our own books, published by The Sword of the Lord Publishers, I must include *Bob Jones' Revival Sermons*. This great preacher has preached face to face to an awesome number of people in his lifetime. He is an amazing evangelist of the old-time Methodist school whom God has blessed greatly in one-church revivals and great union campaigns. This book of sermons contains 9 of his messages just as they were preached, word for word, in a great union campaign in Chicago with some two hundred area churches and Christian organizations co-operating. There is not a dull spot anywhere in this book and the 186 large pages of preaching will repay you many times over for the \$2.00 purchase price.

Of all Dr. Rice's sermon books, if I only mention one (any book of sermons that he has written is worthy of a most popular list), I feel that I would recommend the messages to Christians found in the volume, *The Ruin of a Christian*. I read these messages when I was just a young preacher and the impact they had upon my life and ministry has never been forgotten. An even dozen sermons, they truly live up to the book's subtitle, "Bible Messages that Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort, with all Longsuffering and Doctrine." Over 250 pages, the book sells for only \$2.00.

In thinking of sermon books, I would like to have included Dr. W. B. Riley's 40 volume set, *The Bible of the Evangelist and the Expositor*, but I understand that the complete set is not available. The Union Gospel Press originally published it and they may still be able to supply it part in cloth-bound volumes and part in the paper bound, but I am not sure.

Missionary and Biography Books

To think of missions is to think of Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary to China of the nineteenth century and founder of the China Inland Mission. To think of Taylor is to think of the work by his son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, entitled *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*. This is one book of missionary challenge which every parent ought to make certain is placed in the hands of his children. The chapters are brief, pointed and full of conviction. The challenge is inescapable. The book has 178 pages and is published by the China Inland Mission in cloth for \$1.25 and in paper for 75c. Moody Press also has a paper bound edition for 69c.

Another must for the Christian home is the thrilling biography of that tremendous giant in faith, George Muller. Several books have been written on his life but none with the impact that Dr. Arthur T. Pierson's book entitled, *George Muller of Bristol and His Witness to a Prayer Hearing God*, has had on Christian people in this land and abroad. Dr. Rice lists this book as one of those which helped mold his life into the life of faith that it is. It will do the same for you if given a chance. The book is an exceptionally large volume of 462 pages and is published by Fleming H. Revell Company. You may buy it at your book store for \$2.50.

Also published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, and also one of the books that helped mold the thinking of Dr. Rice, is Charles G. Finney's autobiography. The book begins with his birth and early life, his conversion and call to preach, as well as his early education. However, the main burden of the book describes the great revivals which he held, how they came about, the emphasis on prayer, his dependence upon the Holy Spirit for power, and the blessing of God that consequently came. This, also, is a large book of 477 pages and sells for only \$2.50.

One of the most important missionary books that has come from the presses in recent days is from the pen of the president of Wheaton College, Dr. V. Raymond Edman's book, *The Light in Dark*

Ages, traces eighteen centuries of missions from the giving of the great commission by Christ to the beginning of modern missions under William Carey. Divided into three sections, part one is entitled, "The Light that Shone," and deals with the first five centuries of the Christian era. Part two, "The Light that Failed," deals from the times of the middle ages to the Waldensian period. The third section is entitled, "The Light that Shone Again," and deals with the beginning of the modern missionary movement. The fact that the bibliography covers 23 pages is indicative of the tremendous research that has gone into this book. I question whether or not it would be possible for one to claim to be informed about missions if he is not familiar with this book. Published by Scripture Press, it contains 435 pages and sells for \$4.00.

Another recent missionary book of real interest value is, *When Iron Gates Yield*. In this volume an evangelical missionary, Geoffrey Bull, gives a vivid account of his experiences on the Tibetan border at the time of the Chinese-Communist invasion of Tibet and of his more than three years' captivity in China with subsequent miraculous deliverance. Moody Press has published the American edition of 254 pages which sells for \$3.00.

Moody Press also publishes a great biography edited by Jonathan Edwards, *The Life and Diary of David Brainerd*. This book of nearly 400 extra large pages, selling for \$4.00, has mightily influenced men for more than three centuries. It is credited with sending out both William Carey and Henry Martyn to India, as well as influencing the ministries of such stalwarts as Payson, McChesney, and many others. John Wesley said, "Let every preacher read carefully the life of David Brainerd."

Speaking of Wesley, another book which should be in the library of every Christian home is *The Journal of John Wesley*, edited by Percy Livingstone Parker. You will not need to be a Methodist to enjoy and profit from this journal. The book has a total of 438 pages, sells for \$3.50, and is published by the Moody Press as one of their Tyndale series of great biographies.

A biography especially important to laymen (all that we have mentioned thus far have been about preachers) is *God Runs My Business*, the story of industrialist Robert G. LeTourneau, written by Albert W. Lorimer. This is a thrilling, challenging, moving story of what God can do with and through a consecrated layman who will bring Him into partnership in his business. The book is paper bound, sells for \$1.50, and is published by the Fleming H. Revell Company.

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Another missionary book which will be a delight to young and old alike is Eugene Myers Harrison's book, *Giants of the Missionary Trail*, subtitled, *The Life Stories of Eight Men Who Defied Death* (Continued on page 7)

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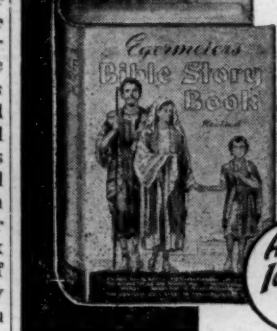
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and Demons. The book is as thrilling as the title implies. The eight missionaries are Henry Knott, William Carey, George Grenfell, Adoniram Judson, Samuel Marsden, David Livingstone, James Chalmers and Jonathan Goforth. Published by Scripture Press, this book of 184 full pages sells for \$2.50.

Before closing the section on books of a missionary and biographical nature, we must mention and recommend for reading the immortal classic by William Byron Forbush known everywhere as *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. Beginning with a short history of Christ's life on earth it traces the crimson seed of the church down to the reign of bloody Queen Mary in England during the sixteenth century. This is not necessarily a book you will like to read, but it is one you ought to read. The Universal Book and Bible House publishes an edition of this book of 370 pages which sells for \$2.50. Moody Press also publishes an edition of about 600 pages which sells for \$3.95. The same material is in both books, but the Moody Press edition is illustrated and with larger type.

Novels and Children's Books

If Dr. Rice were writing this article he would place the novel by Charles M. Sheldon, *In His Steps*, at the top of the list. It had a tremendous influence on his life and apparently it has on the lives of thousands of others. Last night Miss Fairy Shappard, our Advertising Manager, told me of the great impact its message had on her life when a young Christian. Since over twenty million copies have been sold in every part of the world and nearly every language, it is apparent that it has influenced many, many others. The setting of the story is in the horse and buggy days and the author is a man not entirely reliable in some of his other writings. However, you will find no fault with the theology of this book and its message is one needed by every Christian of today. The book has a variety of publishers; Universal Book and Bible House has a \$1.50 edition and both the Broadman Press and Grosset & Dunlap have 75c editions.

Another old-time novel that has enjoyed a long reign of popularity and blessing is Ralph Connor's, *The Sky Pilot*. Dr. Robert G. Lee, Pastor of the Bellevue Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and three time president of the Southern Baptist Convention rates this, I understand, as one of the books which most influenced his early life. The novel deals with the people of the Foot-

hill Country in western Canada, and a man's consecrated ministry among them. Grosset & Dunlap are the publishers, it has 182 pages, and sells for \$1.50.

I am not much of a novel reader but inquiring around among those who are, the book by Charlotte Yonge, *The Heir of Redclyffe*, has been highly and frequently recommended. This novel, like the two pressed selections, has through the years firmly established itself among the great classics of English literature. Abraham Kuyper, Netherlands Prime Minister and famous theologian whose books are studied by many Americans with delight, was converted from reading this novel. Published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, it contains over 300 pages and sells for \$3.00.

A book I reviewed in its pre-publication form and which impressed me greatly is *Maid of Israel*, by Tolbert R. Ingram. Centered around the biblical account in II Kings 5 concerning Naaman's captive Israelite girl whom he made his wife's servant, the book has gripping interest and moral application throughout. If you enjoy it as much as I did it will be well worth the \$3.00 the Broadman Press asks for its 270 pages.

It would not be possible, I suppose, to list the great novels that should be read by all Christians without mentioning John Bunyan's immortal, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Only God knows how many lives have been changed, converted, remade, and challenged by the story of pilgrim's conversion and journey to the Celestial City. The Universal Book and Bible House publishes a 338 page edition which is illustrated throughout by Frederick Barnard and sells for \$2.00. Grosset & Dunlap publishes a smaller edition priced at \$1.00.

Parents may be interested to know that Helen L. Taylor has prepared, especially for children, *Little Pilgrim's Progress*, which has placed the story in a much more readable and interesting form for little minds. This is published by Moody Press and sells for \$1.50.

In the children's division there are any number of good Bible story books that might be mentioned. One of the finest is *Egermeier's Bible Story Book*, revised. This volume contains 312 stories beginning with the Creation and progressing through the Revelation. There are 179 pictorial illustrations, 64 of which are in full color, maps and other commendable features. This 640 page book is published by the Warner Press and sells for \$3.95.

An investment I made several years ago, and have never regretted was the purchase for my family of the 8 volume set, *The Book of Life*, arranged and edited by Newton Marshall Hall and Irvin Francis Worth. Volume I starts with stories for very little children and gradually progresses with the child's advance in reading ability to the mature adult. It is true to the Bible and highly educational. John Rudin & Company, Inc., are the publishers and the price varies according to the style binding chosen. I understand that the publishers have a credit plan whereby the purchaser can pay so much down and so much a month until the set is completely paid for.

There is a set of books entitled, "Heroes of the Cross Series," which possibly should have been mentioned under the missionary and biography books, but since I wanted to emphasize them for children I saved them for this section. Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, this very inexpensive set (only \$1.00 a volume) now has available 12 book length stories of great missionaries by eleven different authors. The missionaries featured are Mary Slessor, John Wesley, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, James Chalmers, David Brainerd, William C. Burns, David Livingstone, Wilfred Grenfell, John Williams, Robert Moffat, and John G. Paton. Your children will greatly enjoy these missionary stories.

Another series of books, this time fiction, which I can highly recommend for your child's reading is Paul Hutchens' original,

adventurous Sugar Creek Gang series. Recommended especially for boys and girls from 8 to 14, this series also is available for only \$1.00 a volume. Eleven volumes are published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company and twelve other volumes are published by Scripture Press.

Commentaries

I would like to mention several commentaries since we get so many requests for good, sound, evangelical reference works. Probably at the head of every such list should be the devotional commentary of 6 volumes by Matthew Henry. Highly recognized since the days of Spurgeon, it is still in the forefront in the twentieth century. This is the commentary that Dr. Rice usually recommends first when replying to inquiries. Published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, the set can be had for \$24.50, or you may purchase the volumes separately for \$5.00 each.

Long considered the best among the one volume commentaries is the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary on the Whole Bible*. This critical and explanatory commentary deals with every verse in the Bible. The Sunday School Times calls it "the greatest one volume commentary." Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, it has 1,347 large double-column pages and retails for \$7.95. Or, if you prefer the complete and unabridged 6 volume edition it is available from the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company for \$30.00.

Some would never forgive me if I left the famous *Notes on the Pentateuch* by C. H. McIntosh from this list of commentaries for every Christian home. These notes deal with the first five books of the Bible and are internationally recognized as among the finest devotional notes on Moses' writings. The six volumes are published both by the Loizeaux Brothers and the Fleming H. Revell Company retailing for \$2.00 a volume or \$10.00 for the entire set.

Another classical commentary on a portion of the Bible which we highly recommend is *Ryle's Expository Thoughts on the Gospels* by Bishop J. C. Ryle. This highly readable and profitable study comes in four large volumes at a price of \$4.95 per volume or \$18.95 for the entire set. Zondervan Publishing House has made this old work available to the modern public. It deals with every verse in all four Gospels and the present edition is complete and unabridged.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon's, *The Treasury of David*, was originally published by him in 7 large volumes. I do not think this commentary on the Psalms is now available in the 7 volume form, but Dr. David Otis Fuller has condensed this masterful work into 2 volumes published by the Zondervan Publishing House. This 2 volume set is available for \$7.50 and will be a great delight to every devoted student of the Psalms.

Another commentary which I feel I must mention because of its worth, but which many of THE SWORD readers will not be able to obtain because of the price, is *Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scripture*, by John Peter Lange and edited by Phillip Schaff. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith called it, "... the greatest commentary covering the entire Bible to be published anywhere in the nineteenth century ... a gold mine to those who are willing to work in its rich veins." Each of the 24 volumes sells for \$3.95 with the exception of Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel-Daniel, which are \$4.95 each. The entire set of 24 volumes can be had for \$97.80. This twentieth century edition is put out by the Zondervan Publishing House.

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Bible Study Books

At the top of the Bible study list would come a good concordance. D. L. Moody listed his Bible and his concordance as the two indispensable books of his ministry. Since I am writing this article I will recommend *Strong's Concordance* by James Strong. It is an exhaustive

concordance published by the Abingdon Press and selling for \$11.50. The thumb indexed edition sells for \$12.75. If Dr. Rice were writing this article he would recommend *Young's Concordance* published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing House and selling for \$11.00 and the thumb indexed edition for \$11.75. You will not go wrong on either one.

For a Bible Dictionary we recommend the *Davis Dictionary of the Bible* by John D. Davis. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith called this, "the best one-volume Bible Dictionary from a conservative viewpoint." We agree. Published by the Baker Book House, it has about 850 pages and sells for \$5.95.

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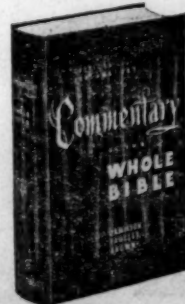
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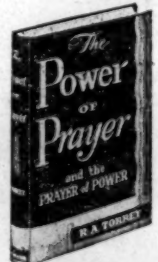
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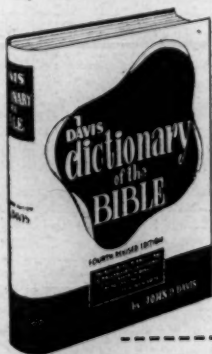
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and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. But think on me when it shall be well with thee and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."—Gen. 40:9-15.

Then the chief baker related his dream:

"I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee."—Gen. 40:16-19.

On the third day the interpretation of the dreams came true. Both of the men were taken out

of the jail and brought to the court of Pharaoh. There the chief butler was restored to his office and held again the cup of Pharaoh, but the chief baker was hanged. I fancy I can see Joseph at the dungeon door watching those two men go out. He heard the sad farewell of the baker and the effusive gratitude of the butler who vowed that the first thing he would do when he was restored to his place would be to put in a word for the Hebrew lad who had interpreted his dream.

Joseph's heart beat high with hope, for now he was sure that he had a friend at court who would state his case to Pharaoh. But the days and the weeks and the months passed by, and still no word from the chief butler. He cannot completely have forgotten Joseph. For a few weeks at least he must have thought of him the last thing before he went to sleep and the first thing when he arose in the morning. But it was difficult to bring the matter before Pharaoh, Pharaoh might be in a bad humor and commit him again to that dungeon. Then he had fine friends, this butler, and they might wonder at his intimacy with a Hebrew slave. If he did get Joseph out of the dungeon, the youth might be on his hands.

Thus day by day it became easier for him to postpone that word with Pharaoh in behalf of Joseph, until at length, in the cares

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Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Dr. James Orr the General Editor. Its price may be prohibitive for some, but if you can possibly afford the \$35.00 which is charged for this big 5 volume set, it should prove worth the money in the information you will receive. The Wm. B. Eerdmans Company is the publisher.

For theology we recommend *Strong's Systematic Theology*, by Augustus H. Strong. This three volume set by a Baptist scholar is published by the Judson Press and retails for \$2.50 per volume or \$6.50 for the complete set. The same work is also published in one volume on thin paper for \$5.00.

In the realm of archaeology a comparatively recent book by Dr. Joseph P. Free, head of the Department of Archaeology in Wheaton College, is excellent. The book published by Scripture Press and selling for \$5.00, is *Archaeology and Bible History*. In approximately 400 pages the author traces the light of archaeology which has been cast upon sacred Scriptures from the creation in Genesis down to the early church.

and pleasures of his office, Joseph and the promise made to him were completely forgotten. "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him." At the end of two years, when Pharaoh (Continued on page 9)

Perhaps one of the greatest books on the inspiration of the Bible ever published is Dr. L. Gaussen's work, *The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures*. It, too, has proven its right to a place in our immortal Christian classics. Moody Press has published a new, enlarged type edition with analysis and topical index. This 365 page edition is available for \$3.00.

Another book published at the close of the nineteenth century and one which has helped to mold the theological thinking of some of our greatest preachers and teachers in this age is *What the Bible Teaches*, by Dr. R. A. Torrey. This tremendous volume of well over 500 pages is divided into six parts, or books: What the Bible Teaches About God, What the Bible Teaches About Jesus Christ, What the Bible Teaches About the Holy Spirit, What the Bible Teaches About Man, What the Bible Teaches About Angels, and What the Bible Teaches About the Devil or Satan. It is definitely not a book to read, it is a book to study with your open Bible before you. Dr. Rice also highly recommends this book published by the Fleming H. Revell Company and selling for \$4.00.

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Since some Bible students would want a good book on the Tabernacle, I feel that we should recommend Dr. I. M. Haldaman's work, *The Tabernacle, Priesthood and Offerings*. This book published over a quarter of a century ago by the then pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City, has survived ten printings and is still rich in the thoughtful interpretation of the tabernacle's message. Incidentally, to get an idea of Dr. Haldaman's ability it might be said that he filled the vast auditorium of New York's First Baptist Church to overflowing for nearly half a century. This book is typical of his pulpit power. Published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, its 408 pages are available for \$3.00.

Two books by Wm. R. Newell, in my mind, should be in every list of most valuable Bible study volumes. One is his verse by verse commentary on *The Book of the Revelation* and is a very valuable contribution. If you, like me, are disgusted with the average book on the Revelation with its guesses and hypothesis, you will enjoy and delight in this frank, literal and faithful interpretation. Newell takes the revelation literally and practically. I always recommend it first when asked concerning good books on the Apocalypse.

His other book which I recommend here is *Romans Verse by Verse*. You will delight in his practical interpretation of the book with his strong, solid, evangelical doctrinal treatment of the same. You will have a new appreciation of grace after reading and studying this book. Both these books are published by Moody Press, the book on the Revelation is \$3.50 and the book on Romans, \$3.75.

Probably the finest book on the Second Coming, one that has been universally recognized thus among premillennialists, is W. E. Blackstone's *Jesus Is Coming*. This excellent Bible study of eschatological truths is published by the Fleming H. Revell Company in both cloth and paper binding. The cloth retails for \$2.00 and the paper for \$1.25.

One more book in this list of fifty titles by other publishers which I feel is worthy of mention in this article is *The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*. Dr. R. A. Torrey wrote the introduction to this book and recommended it widely. This treasury takes many thousands of difficult passages and

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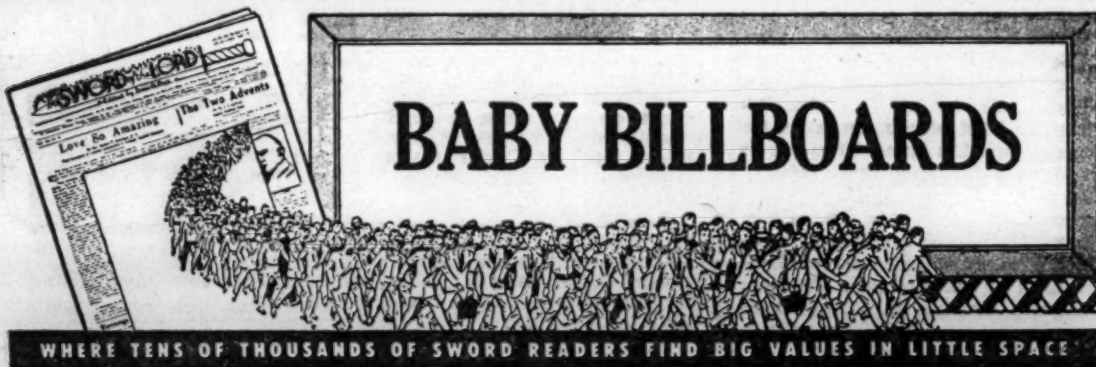
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In closing let me say again that this is by no means an exhaustive list of books profitable for Christian readers. Neither do I insist that these are the fifty very best books. But I do recommend the titles described above as profitable for every Christian and which should be, I think, in every Christian home.

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The Man Who Forgot

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Joseph had his dreams about the ears of corn and the kine, the butler suddenly remembered Joseph, not out of gratitude, but hoping to win the favor of the king by bringing in a man who could tell him his dream.

Joseph was making rapid progress in the experimental knowledge of the depravity of the human heart. He knew what jealousy could move men to do, for his brothers had sold him into Egypt. He had learned from Potiphar's wife what lust and lying could do. Now he was to discover how one can forget a benefactor. If Joseph had injured this chief butler, the man would not have forgotten him to his dying day; but because Joseph had helped him in the day of trouble, he quickly forgot. "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him." O thou most human butler!

Filial Ingratitude

This most popular sin, like all sin, takes many forms and wears many different garments. It appears sometimes in the form of filial ingratitude. "Honour thy father and mother, for this is right in the sight of the Lord." Happy the son who can honor a mother and a father who were all to him that parents ought to be. But even when this has not been the case, children still owe a debt to the sacred relationship of father and mother, no matter how sinned against or how abused that relationship has been. It is hardly necessary to speak of extreme cases of filial neglect, for this is not respectable with either man or God. When you hear an infant crying and see its mother go to take it up in her arms and rock it and soothe it with songs and mother-talk, does it remind you that someone must have done likewise to you, in season and out of season? When you see anxious, careworn, sleep-robbed mothers, do you realize the hours of anxious watching and waiting, toil and labor, playing and singing, which you yourself once cost your parents?

I went one summer in Edinburgh to visit Alison Cunningham, the aged nurse of Robert Louis Stevenson, to whom he dedicates his book of verse with the following lines:

*For the long nights you lay awake
And watched for my unworthy
sake:*

*For your most comfortable hand
That led me through the uneven
land:*

*For all the story-books you read:
For all the pains you comforted:
For all you pitied, all you bore,
In sad and happy days of yore—
My second Mother, my first Wife,*

*From the sick child, now well and
old,
Take, nurse, the little book you
hold!*

Those are lines that every mother's son might well frame and hang upon the walls of his room and upon the walls of the chamber of memory.

Some think that Shakespeare sounded the depths of mortal sorrow and suffering in that tremendous scene in *King Lear*, where the aged king and father, cast out by his unnatural daughters, wanders on the gloomy heath at night and utters his apostrophe to wind and rain, thunder and lightning. He had learned how "sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child." Ingratitude in all its degrees is an ugly thing, but most loathsome when it shows itself in a child.

*Ingratitude, thou marble-hearted
fiend,
More hideous, when thou show'st
thee in a child,
Than the sea-monster!*

It is always pleasant to look on the other side of this relationship between parents and children and to behold the beauty of gratitude. Thaddeus Stevens, one of America's most powerful and influential statesmen before, during, and after the Civil War, had a devout moth-

er who toiled for her lame son so that he might secure an education. When he had achieved success as a lawyer, he told how it was his delight to give every week a gold piece to his mother so that she might put it in the collection box of the Baptist church which she attended. Every spring and summer, in a cemetery in Lancaster you will find roses and other pleasant flowers beginning to bloom, for in his will Thaddeus Stevens provided that such flowers be planted to keep his mother's grave ever bright and fresh.

In a churchyard at Hamilton, Scotland, is the stone erected by David Livingstone and his brothers and sisters to their godly parents. It bears this inscription:

*To show the resting place of
Neil Livingstone
And Agnes Hunter, his wife,
And to express the thankfulness to
God
Of their children
For poor and pious parents.*

Ingratitude to Friends and Benefactors

On one occasion Tallyrand, being told that a certain public officer was saying evil things against him, exclaimed: "That surprises me; I have never done him a favor!"

When the ministry of Robert Walpole fell and a hostile vote was being taken in the House of Commons, Walpole, watching those who voted against him, said to the one who sat near him: "Young man, I will tell you the history of all these men as they come in. That fellow I saved from the gallows. And that one, from starvation. That other one's son I promoted."

When Jesus healed the ten lepers and sent them off to the priest to declare themselves and get a certificate of health, only one returned to give thanks. Jesus was amazed, "Were there not ten cleansed?" He exclaimed. "Where are the nine?" How tenacious are our memories of occasional injuries or slights we receive, but how careless as to benefits!

*Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.*

*Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
That dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot:
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp
As friend remember'd not.*

Shakespeare, *As You Like It*, II, 7.

In *Gulliver's Travels* Jonathan Swift gives us his opinion of ingratitude to friends and benefactors when he thus describes the laws of the Lilliputians:

Ingratitude is among them a capital crime, . . . for they reason thus, that whoever makes ill returns to his benefactor, must needs be a common enemy to the rest of mankind, from whom he hath received no obligation, and therefore such a man is not fit to live.

In the laws of the Spartans, however, it was different. When Lycurgus was asked why his laws provided no penalty for ingratitude, he said, "I have left the punishment of that crime to the gods."

David knew the bitterness of ingratitude. Some friend or counselor had returned evil for good, treachery for confidence and to this David refers in the fifty-fifth Psalm. He says he could have stood it if it had been the work of one who hated him, or some open enemy, or a stranger; but what hurt him deeply was that it was by a former friend.

*"For it was not an enemy that
reproached me; then I could have
borne it: neither was it he that
hated me that did magnify himself
against me; then I would have hid
myself from him: But it was thou,
a man mine equal, my guide, and
mine acquaintance. We took sweet
counsel together, and walked unto
the house of God in company."—
Ps. 55:12-14.*

The wounds that hurt most are not those inflicted by the enemy or the stranger, but those which we have received in the house of our friend. "I was wounded in the house of my friends." It was not the dagger of Brutus, but the changed heart of Brutus which slew Caesar.

*For when the noble Caesar saw
him stab,
Ingratitude, more strong than
traitor's arms,
Quite vanquish'd him: then burst
his mighty heart;
And, in his mantle muffling up his
face,
Even at the base of Pompey's
statue,
Which all the while ran blood,
great Caesar fell.*

Julius Caesar, III, 2.

On the other side, beautiful are the instances of gratitude on the part of those who did not forget their benefactors. General Grant arrived in New York in 1854 after he had resigned, under a cloud, from the army in California; he was without funds and still far from his Ohio home. In this difficulty he went to call on a West Point friend and comrade in the Mexican War, Simon Bolivar Buckner. Buckner generously supplied him with funds so that he could reach his home in Ohio. Eight years afterward when Grant captured Fort Donelson in February, 1862, the surrender was made by General Buckner, the other officers having fled. In a speech delivered long after at a Grant birthday dinner, Buckner told what had happened there at Fort Donelson:

Under these circumstances I surrendered to General Grant. I had at a previous time befriended him, and it has been justly said that he never forgot an act of kindness. I met him on the boat [Grant's headquarters boat], and he followed me when I went to my quarters. He left the officers of his own army and followed me, with that modest manner peculiar to him, into the shadow, and there he tendered me his purse. It seems to me that in the modesty of his nature he was afraid the light would witness that act of generosity, and sought to hide it from the world.

One of the charming things about the letters of Paul is the way in which he makes mention of the different friends who have done him a kindness: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who for my life laid down their own necks." "Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord." "Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine." "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chains." And so down the

long list of those who had shown him any kindness. The last message for Onesiphorus was given when Paul was "ready to be offered up" and his own death was at hand. Yet in that hour the memory of a friend refreshed him.

Like a sudden glow of sunlight appearing through the black clouds at the close of a stormy winter's day, is that last act in the tragedy of King Saul. When Saul had fallen on Gilboa's mount, the Philistines cut off his head and stripped the armor from the body sending the armor to different parts of the Philistine country as monuments to the victory over their great foe. His body they nailed to the wall of Beth-shan. The news soon spread throughout Israel of the defeat and the death of Saul and his sons. At length the tidings came to Jabesh-gilead, away across the Jordan, the town that Saul had saved out of the hand of the Ammonites when first he became king. No other city in all Israel raised a finger to save the body of Saul from desecration. But these men of Jabesh-gilead remembered the kindness he had done them years before. In gratitude for that deed, these men, taking their lives in their hands, "went all night" to the Philistine stronghold. Removing the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, they brought them to Jabesh and burned them there, burying the ashes under the tamarisk tree. This was followed by seven days of fasting.

Can you think now of anyone

who has helped you, strengthened you, guided you, supported you when you were weak, warned you when you were tempted, lifted you up when you were falling? Then crown yourself with the beauty of gratitude. Write the letter, send the greeting, say the word that can cheer a soul around whom winter's gloom may be gathering. Like the Jabeshites, you can honor the relics of the dead; but still

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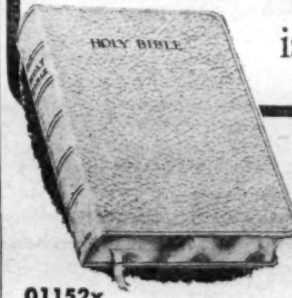
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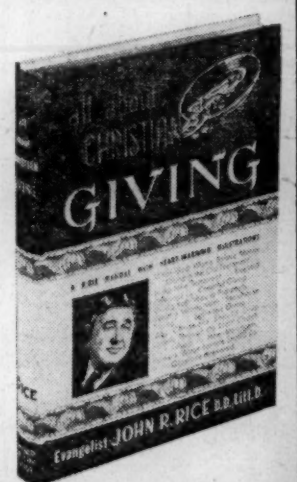
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The Man Who Forgot

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Ingratitude to God

All ingratitude is a sin against God. In his terrible, but true, arraignment of fallen human nature, Paul, in the first chapter of the Letter to the Romans, describes man's sin and corruption in the terms of ingratitude:

"When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their

foolish heart was darkened. . . . [They] changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator."—Rom. 1:21-25.

For the common blessings of our life, how little thought we take and how little thanks we give! As certain birds do not reveal the brilliance of their plumage until they spread their wings in flight, so many of our blessings are not appreciated until they have departed. "Have you given any thanks to God today for your

reason?" said one man to another as he stopped him on the street. Somewhat startled by the solemn look of the man, the other answered, "I confess that I have not." "Go then, and do so instantly," replied the man, "for I have lost mine!"

A popular lecturer of the last quarter of the nineteenth century had a lecture on "Sunshine" which he gave all over the country. Having arrived at a city where he was to give his lecture, he was passing through the station with a member of the lecture committee who had met him, when he saw a stretcher being carried by on which lay a paralyzed man. Pausing, he looked at the man on the stretcher and said to the young man who had met him: "Whenever I see anything like that, I say to myself, 'Every misery missed is a new blessing.'"

When that celebrated mariner and philosopher, Robinson Crusoe, was wrecked on his lonely isle, he drew up two columns which he called "the evil and the good," and set over against the evil, the good. He was cast on a desolate island; but he was alive, and not drowned, as were all his ship's company. He was divided from mankind and banished from human society; but he was not starving. He had no clothes; but the climate was so hot he did not need them. He was without means of defense; but he saw no wild beasts such as he had seen on the coast of Africa. He had not a soul to speak to; but God had sent the ship so near the shore that he could get from it all things necessary for his wants. Hence, he concluded that there was no condition in the world so miserable but there was something negative or something positive in it to be thankful for.

Paul was the man who said, "In every thing give thanks," and was himself able to do so. Even on that storm-driven vessel, tossing in the night off the shore of Malta, with the waves breaking in thunderous roars against the granite cliffs a few ship-lengths off, Paul persuaded the ship's company to take some food. But first of all, before partaking of it himself, he gave thanks unto God.

David is spoken of in the Bible as a man "after God's own heart." One reason no doubt is that David, although he sinned so deeply,

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going to live my own life, go my own way, and I am not going to be dictated to by anyone else. I am going to live as I please." That is sin. That is how the race went wrong in the very beginning. In the Garden of Eden our first parents had everything heart could desire, but they were not willing to be subject to the Law of God. There was only one prohibition put upon them, but they were led by the tempter to believe that prohibition to be against their welfare. They thought they would be happier, they would get along better, if that prohibition did not rest upon them. Finally they were persuaded to take things in their own hands, to have their own way, in other words to become lawless. That is how sin came into the world.

And, oh, what a curse it has been all down through the centuries!

Sin an Enemy of Nations, Too

Not only is sin an enemy of the individual man, but sin is the enemy of every nation. We read in the fourteenth chapter of the book of Proverbs, "Righteousness ex-

alteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." The nations that have prospered most in this world have been the nations that have shown the greatest respect for the Word of God, in which is revealed the law of God. What we call civilization owes its blessings chiefly to the enlightenment that comes to men through the open Bible. We should thank God for the land in which we live, and for the lands from which many of our forebears came: Great Britain, the Scandinavian lands, and Germany as it once was, and the other lands where God's Word has had free course. It was read freely; it was preached and proclaimed openly; and people sought to pattern their lives after what they learned in the Bible. They were taught the Bible in the day schools as well as in the church and Sunday Schools. And those nations that have thus honored the Word of God have prospered and been blessed.

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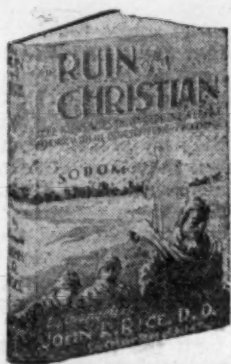
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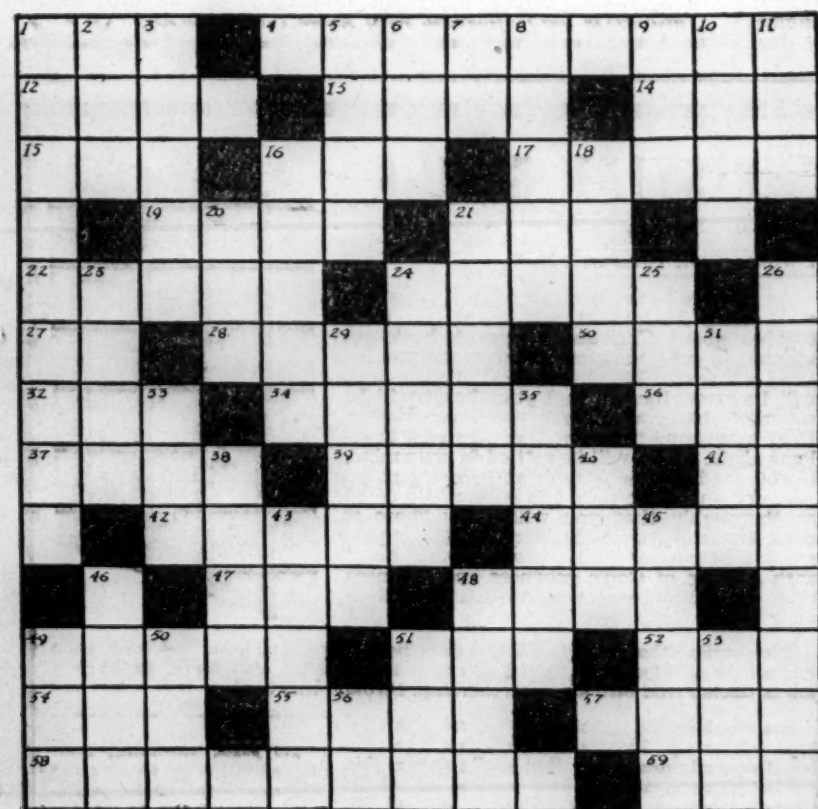
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CLEWS ACROSS

- 1 Pronoun
- 4 A city of Judea; the birthplace of our Lord
- 12 A number of beasts
- 13 Inter
- 14 Way of approach (Abbr.)
- 15 Go astray
- 16 The human race
- 17 A great city of Assyria, between Nineveh and Calah. (Gen. 10:12)
- 19 Son of Jerahmeel, a descendant of Judah. (I Chron. 2:25)
- 21 Form of Baal
- 22 King of Judea at the time of the birth of Jesus
- 24 Son of Ishmael, Abram's son
- 27 An altar, built by the children of Reuben and Gad. (Josh. 22:34)
- 28 Celebrated island off the coast of Greece
- 30 Lamech's wife—the mother of Jubal, called the father of all such as play the harp and organ
- 32 Mighty man who belonged to King David. (I Ki. 1:8)
- 34 The country in which was Damascus
- 36 Pronoun
- 37 Fall in drops
- 39 Jacob's daughter. (Gen. 30:21)
- 41 A music syllable, also called ti
- 42 Pleasing combination of tones
- 44 Chosen of the Lord—a man whose father Simon was compelled to bear the cross. (Mark 15:21)
- 47 Long, narrow inlet
- 48 Place of abode. (John 19:27)
- 49 Enoch's father, a patriarch who lived 962 years. (Gen. 5:20)
- 51 Son of Jacob, and Rachel's handmaid, Bilhah. (Gen. 30:6)
- 52 Greek form of Shem
- 54 Son of Jether, a mighty man of valor. (I Chron. 7:38)
- 55 The Ishmaelite; keeper of King David's camels. (I Chron. 27:30)
- 57 Land bordering on the Aegean Sea, in Bible times
- 58 Marriage songs
- 59 Bitter vetch (—R—)

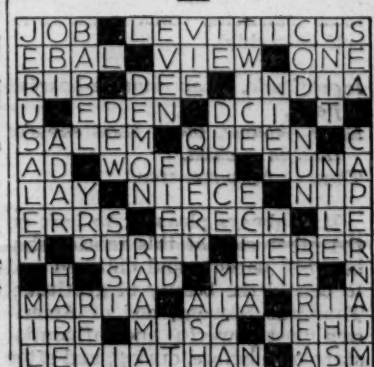
CLEWS DOWN

- 1 Keepers of sheep, to whom the angel of the Lord appeared. (Luke 2:8)
- 2 Pronoun
- 3 Wrong act
- 5 Short for Ebenezer

- 6 Large cask
- 7 Unit of time (Abbr.)
- 8 Musical instruments
- 9 Possesses
- 10 Level
- 11 Human beings
- 16 People whose country was north of Persia
- 18 Princess in "Lohengrin"
- 20 Straight stick, with which Paul was thrice beaten. (II Cor. 11:25)
- 21 Laver
- 23 Son of Mushi, a Levite, who worked for the service of the house of the Lord. (I Chron. 23:23)
- 24 Yellow coloring matter
- 25 Trouble
- 26 Annual church festival
- 29 Woman of Thyatira, who worshipped God, to whose house Paul went from the prison. (Acts 16:40)
- 31 The bayberry (—U—)
- 33 City in the border of Moab
- 35 He made a golden calf
- 38 Chaste
- 40 Murmur
- 43 One of the oldest cities in the world (Syrian)
- 45 Band across an escutcheon
- 46 Sister of Lazarus, commended by Jesus. "She hath chosen the good part"
- 48 Entrance room
- 49 Jehovah
- 50 Animal used in sacrifices
- 51 Prefix denoting "through"
- 53 Goddess of healing (—R—)
- 56 Exist

Answer to Puzzle Number 12

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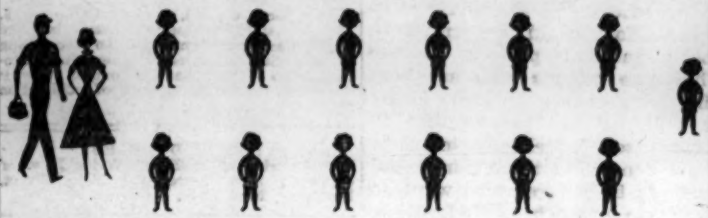
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God of our fathers and on the truths once delivered to us; and the result is the terrible condition in which the world is found tonight. It was not Hitler, bad as

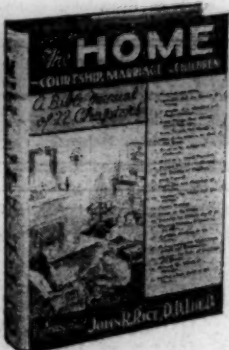
he was, that brought all of this on, nor Hirohito, vain and foolish as he was. But behind all these and other men is the awful fact of sin. That is our public enemy number one.

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Many of us shudder when we look back and remember how at first we were led into secret sins, that perhaps others knew nothing of, at least we hoped they did not. But then the day came when we were no longer ashamed of those sins and we did openly what once we did only when we were hidden away, when we thought no eye was on us but the eye perhaps of someone who shared our secret sins with us. But all those hidden sins were open to God. There is not one sin that has ever been committed that His holy eye has not taken note of. Our colored friends sing:

"Oh He hears all you say and He sees all you do,
And my Lord is a writin' all the time."

We are told in the Book that "God will bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Young man, young woman, if you have fallen under the power of any type of secret sin and you are hoping the world will never know about it, and that these things you realize to be wrong will never become public, let me remind you of this, there is an eye that is ever looking upon you, and some day you will have to face God about every one of these things. We read: "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." You can understand that. Some men's sins are manifest. You see that poor drunkard going down the street, and everybody knows what his sins are. You laugh at him! You might rather cry. You might rather weep as you see what a fool sin has made of a man who was some mother's darling child and some father's pride and joy, but who fell under the power of sin, perhaps secretly at first, and now it is openly manifested and he is despised by everybody. The libertine's sins are open and manifest. At least he bears in his very face the marks of his depravity. And even if at times some of his sins are covered up, they are all manifest to God. Other men manage to go through this world without letting people know the sins that dominate their lives, but when at last they leave this scene behind them, they cannot evade their sins. Their sins follow after them, and like the very bloodhounds of Hell that they are, they will track them down to the very judgment bar of God and drag them into the pit of eternal woe. What a terrible thing sin is!

Old John Bunyan wrote this little line about sin:

*Sin is the living worm, the last-
ing fire;
Hell soon would lose its heat
could sin expire.
Better sinless in Hell than to
be where
Heaven is and to be found a
sinner there.*

*One sinless with infernals might
do well,
But sin would make of Heaven
a very Hell.
Fools make a mock of sin, will
not believe
It carries such a dagger in its
sleeve.*

*How can it be, say they, that
such a thing
So full of sweetness ere should
wear a sting?
They know not that it is the
very spell
Of sin to make men laugh them-
selves to Hell.*

Sin Deceives, Binds, Hardens

That reminds us that sin is a deceiver, it is constantly fooling men with promises that it never keeps.

I do not suppose anyone taking up for the first time with any sin does so with the thought that some day he is going to come absolutely under the power of that thing. Rather with the frivolity

of the youth of the present day he exclaims, "I will try anything once," with the hope that he will get a new thrill, a little pleasure he had never known before, only to find eventually that what seemed so pleasant and agreeable at the start becomes like a series of links in a chain binding his soul, making him its captive, and so he finds it absolutely impossible to deliver himself from its power.

You remember that case of the tyrant of Syracuse who had a man in his kingdom who was said to be the best worker in iron in the entire country. The tyrant sent for him and said, "I wish you to bring your forge here and bring some metal. I want to see you make a chain." The man was quite flattered and brought his forge and his metal and his implements and went to work in the presence of the tyrant and made one link after another until he made quite a long chain, and he said, "There, Sire, is a specimen of my work. It is so strong that if you put a team of horses on each end of it they would not be able to snap it." Hastily the tyrant called his guards and said to them, "Bind him with it and cast him into the prison." He found he had been forging a chain that was to bind himself. That is the way with sin.

Young man, you remember the first time you dared take a glass of liquor. You thought it was rather smart, the "right" thing to do. You said, "Everybody is doing it. Oh, I know my father and mother would not approve. And those old fogies who used to teach me in Sunday School were always talking about the evils of alcoholic liquors, but a lot of people drink and you see how prosperous they are, and what agreeable companions they are." You took that first drink, you thought you had entered a new experience of pleasurable sensation. But now you find you cannot do without it. The thing has got such a hold on you that you cannot break the habit that binds you.

You never saw a drunkard yet who started out with the thought of becoming a drunkard. You never knew a man yet who took the first glass and said to himself, "I am doing this in order that I may eventually fill a drunkard's grave." Not at all. But the Scripture says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and who-soever is deceived thereby is not wise." And so it is with any other sin. Sin promises lasting pleasure, but sin is a liar. Sin is a deceiver and sin is only seeking to ruin and to wreck your life both for time and for eternity. The Bible speaks of the deceitfulness of sin. That is the effect that sin frequently committed has upon the heart and life—one becomes hardened. You know the old saying,

*Sow a thought and reap an act,
Sow an act and reap a habit,
Sow a habit and reap a character,
Sow a character and reap a
destiny.*

So you start on the way and go on and on and on getting more and more under the power of sin until if you do not yield to the Lord Jesus Christ, if you do not turn to God in repentance, you will find eventually that the sin that seemed so pleasant to begin with has become a master from whose power you can never break for all eternity. Men and women lost forever in the pit of woe still have in their hearts a longing, a desire for the sins they committed while in this life, but it is impossible now to gratify those desires for they are in a place where God Himself has put them in order that they might not continue to curse the universe by living on in the things that blighted their lives here on earth.

Death Follows Sin

Sin is the cause of death. There never would have been death in this world if it had not been for sin. We read, "Sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." And again, "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." First of all physical death, but more than

that eternal death, the second death which is the lake of fire. Think of the awful harvest of death that is the result of sin in these last seven or eight years, those millions of the finest specimens of our youth, both men and women and darling little children as well as those who were actually in the armed forces who have gone down to premature death because of the dreadful war. There would not have been a war if it had not been for sin. Sin is the actual murderer of every one of these people. How can anyone imagine they can find peace and happiness and joy serving such a master? Sin deceives and makes people believe it will do for them what it cannot do.

—Another old poet said:

*Sin is composed of naught but
subtle wiles,
It flatters and flatters and betrays
by smiles.
'Tis like the panther, or the
crocodile—
It seems to love, and promises
no wile
It hides its sting, seems harmless
as a dove
It hugs the soul, and hates when
it vows most love.
It secretly ensnares the soul it
kills,
It plays the tyrant most by gilded
pills.*

*No thief so vile nor treacherous
as sin
Whom fools do hug and take much
pleasure in.*

—B. Keach

What can you say of a man or a woman who deliberately goes on in sin when they know its character and they know what the results of a sinful life must be? The Bible declares that they are fools. We would not dare use that expression of mankind, but God's Word uses it. God's Word says, "Fools make a mock of sin." They go on deliberately in that which God condemns and they sneer when one seeks to turn them away from it.

Sin Put Jesus on the Cross

More than that. Think of this: sin caused Calvary's cross. If it had not been for sin, the Son of God would never have been nailed to that cross of shame. It was our sins that put Him there. The place where we get the best conception of what sin really is is the cross. When we stand gazing at that cross and see the holy, spotless Son of God nailed to that tree and hear His awful cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" we can get such an understanding of sin as we never find anywhere else. It was because sin had shut man up to a hopeless doom, so far as he himself was concerned, that God sent His only Son into the world that He might become the propitiation for our sin. And we read, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Think of that expression—He, the holy one; He, the sinless one, made sin! Does that mean that He really became sinful? Oh, no, not that; but it means that upon the cross He was enduring the judgment due to sin. He was the sinner as He stood in the place of guilty men and women who by their sins had forfeited all rights to Heaven and to be with God. He became the great sin-offering in some way that our poor, finite minds can never comprehend. God "laid upon him the iniquity of us all." He bore our judgment. He was made a curse for us.

The Worst Sin

Oh, can you think of any worse ingratitude than to turn coldly away from Calvary saying, "Yes, I know; I know He was the Son of God. I know He was the sinless one. I know He died for sinners and therefore died for me because I am a sinner. But I am not ready to receive Him, I am not ready to trust Him. I am not ready to accept Him as my Saviour." Oh, my dear friend, in that you become guilty of the worst sin you can possibly commit, for when Jesus said the Spirit of God, the Comforter, was coming to convict men of sin, He designated one particu-

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out of step and old-fashioned because we still believe the Bible. They try to poke fun at the authority and inspiration of the Scriptures. They write to take up for infidels. Well, why should not a good Christian who stands for the same things THE SWORD OF THE LORD stands for write and say so?

In the last few days we have had perhaps fifteen or twenty letters from Methodist preachers which have warmed our hearts. So many say that THE SWORD OF THE LORD feeds their souls, and they thank God for our plain, faithful stand on the Word of God. We are specially glad about this because a good number of modernistic Methodist preachers have denounced us because we were against the infidelity of Ferre, who said that Jesus may have been the illegitimate son of a blond German soldier and Mary. They take up for Bishop Oxnham who approved the statement that the God of the Old Testament is "a dirty bully." How sweet it is

to know that thousands upon thousands of good Methodist people, including many preachers, still believe the Bible, despite the false teaching of their bishops and educators. Well, that illustrates the need we have for comfort, reassurance, and encouragement.

Please write us a Letter Month letter, brief, and to the point, telling us that you will pray for us, telling us what you like about THE SWORD OF THE LORD, or what blessings you have received through it. And make honest, helpful suggestions. We are looking for your letter!

Great Things Coming!

You will like the tremendous Bible sermon, "The Man Who Forgot," by Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney in this issue of THE SWORD. Dr. Macartney was the famous pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has had other strong pastorates. He is now in

the general preaching ministry. We are glad to publish this recent sermon and I hope readers will take it to heart. Have you forgotten those who have blessed you? Have you forgotten to give thanks to God? Have you forgotten to repay those who were kind to you?

Many are writing about the Bible crossword puzzles. Last week there were some 630 letters from those who worked the puzzle. Most of them were right! Do you like the crossword puzzles?

But we have great things ahead in THE SWORD. We have just arranged to republish the great Christian novel, *Black Rock*, by Ralph Connor. It will be run serially, chapter by chapter, God willing, in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. This famous, heart-moving Christian novel has been out of print for some time and will be treasured by both young and old.

February 2, I had dinner in Chicago as guest of Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, and he promised us other sermons right away for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. That is good news! This tremendous preacher, orator, and defender of the faith, three times president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is always a delightful and satisfying preacher of the Gospel. How we welcome him to the columns of THE SWORD OF THE LORD! Other great features are coming. Better be sure to send your subscription renewal at once. And why not make it three years for \$5, instead of one year for \$2.50?

Two \$1,000 Gifts This Week!

It was with a great deal of testing of heart that we undertook to give away so many thousands of dollars worth of Christian books to bona fide ministerial students now in training who should ask for them. We have already given away in three months, books with a cash retail value of more than \$9,000. I entered into this with a deep compulsion in my heart. I have tried in my own personal life, long since, and have proved that God's promises are true. He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you;

good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). I have found that "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6). But I have decided to prove it more and more in the work of THE SWORD.

At the same time, I have been carrying on a great program of getting THE SWORD OF THE LORD to preachers and ministerial students. How could I turn down those national pastors in the Philippine Islands who are begging for THE SWORD OF THE LORD? It will be life-transforming in their case, I feel certain. How can I deny it to these ministerial students in colleges who want to learn to preach sound Bible preaching, soul-winning preaching? Well, I have been trying out God on this matter and God is raising up friends.

This week we have received two \$1,000 gifts. One gift was designated for free literature. The other gift was designated for the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund. Every bit of it will go directly to getting out the Gospel and will do more good than nearly any way I can think of otherwise.

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Public Enemy Number One

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lar sin: "Of sin because they believe not on me." That is the worst sin of all! Christ on the cross dying to deliver you from your sin, every sin of unchastity, of licentiousness, of any form of immorality, of dishonesty, of profanity, of pride, or vanity, of malice, of hatred, yes, even murder—all these sins were atoned for when Jesus Christ died on the cross; so that now no matter what sin you might be guilty of, if you trust Him you can find complete atonement and a new life. But if you reject Him, then, you see, you become guilty of an eternal sin, because you reject the only remedy that God Himself could provide and has provided for salvation from sin. That is why we read in the third chapter of John's Gospel, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already." Why? "Because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

What to Do About Sin

Oh, friend, if you are here a Christ-rejecter, I plead with you, do not allow another night to go by before you come to God in repentance confessing the awful sin of spurning the Son or His love. Tell Him you will trust Him, tell Him you will take Him as your Saviour. He waits to give you deliverance. He wants to save you. And there is no reason why you should go on under the power of this awful enemy of the human race and this enemy of God.

If you are not delivered from sin in your lifetime, you will have to be under the power of sin for all eternity. For in the last chapter of the book of Revelation we get these awful words: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." On the other hand we have the precious declaration, "He that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." What does it tell us? It tells us this, that character tends to permanency. If you go on in sin all through your life, you will be in sin through all eternity. You will never become better. If, on the other hand, you turn from sin and trust Christ and follow holiness and righteousness in life, holiness and righteousness will be your delight for all eternity. What are you going to do about it? It is up to you.

I never give an invitation to sinners to come to Christ but I wish I could come for them. I wish I could take their place and come to Christ as I did over fifty years ago and trust Him all anew for them. But I cannot do it. Every person must come to Christ for himself. You rejected Him yourself, now you must accept Him for yourself.

He said to some of old as He says to you tonight, "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." On the other hand, He says, "Whosoever will, let him take the

water of life freely." The water of life is the message of the Gospel. When you believe that message, when you believe Jesus Christ died for you, when you look on His blessed face and tell Him you trust Him for yourself, then not only are your sins forgiven, but He gives you a new nature that loves righteousness, loves holiness, hates sin, and hates iniquity, as a result of which you are enabled to live for God and to glorify Him. Are you going to do something about it tonight?

Will you come to Christ? Will you take Him as your Saviour? "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Do you want deliverance from sin? Will you come to Jesus? There is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved but the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as you are there's a welcome for you,
Just as you are, come home;
Turning away from the old to the new,
Just as you are, come home.

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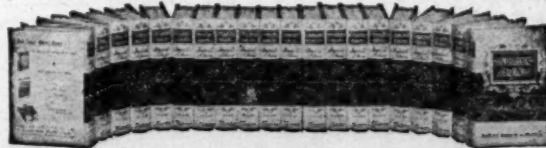
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